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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. Send Your spirit of peace and calm, that all might have confidence in Your faithfulness to us, and that no matter what lies ahead, Your grace is abundantly available.

Now we approach a week during which all Americans will gather to remember who we are: a nation generously blessed not only by You, our God, but by courageous ancestors, faithful allies, and the best good wishes of people everywhere who long for freedom, who would glory in the difficult work of participative government, and who do not enjoy the bounty we are privileged to possess.

Bless the Members of this assembly, and us all, that we would be worthy of the call we have been given as Americans. Help us all to be truly thankful and appropriately generous in our response.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. BRINDISI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRINDISI led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS WORK FOR THE PEOPLE

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the tremendous progress House Democrats have made to get government working for the people.

In less than a year, we have passed nearly 400 pieces of legislation, including more than 275 bipartisan bills that are currently sitting on MITCH MCCONNELL's desk.

We passed legislation to protect coverage for preexisting conditions, to build on the progress of the ACA, and to drive down the cost of prescription drugs.

We fought to get hardworking folks the good-paying jobs they need to put food on the table by passing legislation to raise the minimum wage; to ensure equal pay for equal work; and to invest more than \$70 billion in green, job-creating infrastructure projects.

We fought to clean up corruption in Washington by passing the most comprehensive anticorruption bill since Watergate.

Yet MITCH MCCONNELL would rather tout himself as the grim reaper than vote on these bills that will help his constituents and the American people.

I have a message for you, Senator MCCONNELL: Do your job, or your constituents will pick someone who will.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON LEE). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY HAS NO FACTS

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, we are now in week 2 of the "public phase" of Speaker PELOSI's and Chairman SCHIFF's impeachment inquiry.

What comes to mind is a song from 1980 by REO Speedwagon. I am not going to do this any justice, but here it is: "I heard it from a friend who heard it from a friend who heard it from another . . ."

That is the evidence that has been presented in private and in public: no substance. In fact, Mr. Morrison and Ambassador Volker, both of whom claimed to have firsthand knowledge, testified they witnessed no bribery, no quid pro quos, and no illegal actions by President Trump.

Yesterday, Ambassador Sondland said: "I never heard from President Trump that aid was conditioned on an announcement" of investigations.

Here is what it is: We are talking about innuendos, thoughts, and feelings, but no facts. That is what is happening. That is what has happened in the SCIF when it was rehearsed, and that is what is happening in the public performance this past couple of weeks.

DELAY MEDICAL DEVICE TAX

(Mr. BRINDISI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the advanced manufacturing that is happening in New York's medical device industry.

Medical device companies across New York employ nearly 20,000 people, paying good wages, helping patients live healthier lives, and making products here in the United States.

Companies like Welch Allyn and ConMed are expanding manufacturing

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